

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Amendment to claims 1, 7, 8, 17 and 24 is noted.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Charles W. Stewart on 04/01/2010.

Specification, page 4, between lines 24 and 25, please add:

--Brief description of the Drawing

The sole drawing presents the results from the experiments in the examples.--

Claims Allowed

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

A continuous process for simultaneously preparing multiple grades of base oil products and middle distillates from a mineral crude derived feed comprising steps (a) through (f) as claimed in claim 1 and also in claim 17, wherein the entire full range residue as obtained in step (b) is dewaxed, is not taught or fairly suggested in the prior art.

Prior art teaches that the residue obtained in step (b) is fractionated into different fractions and only selected fractions are dewaxed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PREM C. SINGH whose telephone number is (571)272-6381. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Calderola can be reached on 571-272-1444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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